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#### GLOWBUGS Digest 389

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- 5) Re: Replacements for funky fuses --- ideas?  
by "Brian Carling" <bry@mail1.mnsinc.com>
- 6) Receiver building help...  
by Dave <gekko95@ix.netcom.com>
- 7) Book for sale  
by Jacqueline Herman <jherman@sierra.net>
- 8) Maybe someone can help this chap...  
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by Jacqueline Herman <jherman@sierra.net>
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by leeboo@ct.net (Leon Wiltsey)
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by Doug <doug@sunrise.alpinet.net>
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by mjsilva@ix.netcom.com (michael silva)

13) When I get bigger...  
by mjsilva@ix.netcom.com (michael silva)

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Date: Fri, 20 Dec 96 11:04:09 cst  
From: mack@mails.imed.com  
To: boatanchors@theporch.com, glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Octal Plug Thingies  
Message-ID: <9611208511.AA851108451@mails.imed.com>

Someone on BA list asked about the availability of Octal plug sockets and cases to add modifications. While looking in the Allied catalog to find 11 Pin sockets for someone for a Heath P/S, I found the desired things. They are a square piece of metal with an octal socket and a plastic cover about 1.5 to 2 inches.

The 11 pin sockets I found all are rather big with screw terminals. It will work, but it will be big and hard to insulate.

Ray Mack  
WD5IFS  
mack@mails.imed.com  
Friendswood (Houston), TX

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Date: Fri, 20 Dec 96 11:41:41 cst  
From: mack@mails.imed.com  
To: boatanchors@theporch.com, glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: More Octal thingies  
Message-ID: <9611208511.AA851110964@mails.imed.com>

Oops!! They are an octal \*plug\* mounted on a square metal piece, not a socket as I said in the first post.

Ray Mack

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Date: Fri, 20 Dec 1996 16:10:32 -0500 (EST)  
From: rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu  
To: boatanchors@theporch.com, glowbugs@theporch.com  
Cc: rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu ()  
Subject: BA/GB Net Over the Holidays  
Message-ID: <9612202110.AA112642@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>

Happy Holidays folks, and maybe I will get some time to plys de ol' ether wid ya on 1802R5/3579R545/7050KHZ after dark (official net time is 0200Z on 3579R545KHZ). I be wid ye in kindred spirit, an' if I can, aboard the BA/GB watch. As some Ol' Grizzled Pfarte was once reported ta say.....

``The bands are hot, the bottles they be a' glowin' brightly, an' the regeneration be on the ragged edge! Grapples ye up yer tin cans atop yer noggins, an' readys ye yer keys at the fore!"

73/ZUT DE NA4G/Boatanchor Bob UP

p.s. Mebbees we'uns can spits sparks on SKN, come New Year's eve. The ol' 80M an Top Band should be great fer dat fine occasion!

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Date: Fri, 20 Dec 1996 16:23:00 -0500 (EST)  
From: rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Cc: rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu ()  
Subject: Replacements for funky fuses --- ideas?  
Message-ID: <9612202123.AA112665@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>

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Date: Fri, 20 Dec 1996 17:16:06 +0000  
From: "Brian Carling" <bry@mail1.mnsinc.com>  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Re: Replacements for funky fuses --- ideas?  
Message-ID: <199612210116.UAA14265@news2.mnsinc.com>

On 20 Dec 96 at 13:57, rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.e chatted merrily:

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> these odd circuit breakers, and has anyone used them to replace odd  
> fuses that are not easily obtained, anymore?

Yeah - actually Bob those circuit breakers will do fine.  
We used to use them for repairing amps and organs that would blow  
fuses. After you replace the power xfmr or electrolytics and/or  
rectumfiers - then you would retest with the braker in place of a  
fuse. Saves wasting a lot of fuses if'n she's still inclined to blow  
'em!

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\*\*\* 73 from Radio AF4K / G3XLQ in Gaithersburg, MD USA \*  
\*\* E-mail to: bry@mnsinc.com \*  
\*\*\* See the great ham radio resources at: \*  
\*\* <http://www.mnsinc.com/bry/> \*  
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Date: Fri, 20 Dec 1996 17:48:26 -0800  
From: Dave <gekko95@ix.netcom.com>  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Receiver building help...  
Message-ID: <199612210148.RAA00929@dfw-ix1.ix.netcom.com>

Hi gang,

In addition to the transmitter I have just begun (1967 Handbook,  
'Four Band Fifty Watter' to build in an old SB-xxx box, I am  
gearing up to build the matching receiver I have always wanted  
to try.

The design I am using is the 'Super-SimpleX Mark II' from the '63 Handbook.  
It is very simple, using only 4 tubes, but I have never built any  
kind of receiver at all, and don't want to start too big.

My questions?

1. Has anyone here ever built it? Or familiar with it?
2. Could anyone who knows receivers fairly well, and also has a copy of the Handbook to look at, email me? I have some questions about whether I should use this as a 'first' receiver project (I really want something basically useable, but not a regen). My questions pertain to the IF filter and front end and such.

Many thanks to anyone who can help out...

73's and Merry Christmas

Dave WB7AWK  
gekko95@ix.netcom.com

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Date: Fri, 20 Dec 1996 18:27:34 -0800 (PST)  
From: Jacqueline Herman <jherman@sierra.net>  
To: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Cc: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Book for sale  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.961220181427.20090C-1000000@diamond.sierra.net>

I'm at my Nevada QTH for 3 weeks using my mom's email account so ignore the name above.

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You have to write directly to him to get a copy (he autographed mine!). Write to Sequoia press, 2502 Cockburn, Austin TX 78745, and enclose \$10.95 for soft cover, \$17 for hard. Published in 1989. Worth every penny. His call is KA5HCX.

73 from chilly Nevada,

Jeff KH2PZ / 7

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Date: Fri, 20 Dec 1996 19:32:53 -0800  
From: Dave <gekko95@ix.netcom.com>  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Maybe someone can help this chap...  
Message-ID: <199612210332.TAA06821@dfw-ix1.ix.netcom.com>

Hi gang,

I just posted a question and this nice fellow responded along with the others. While I don't have anything that can help him out, maybe some one in our group does.

Merry Christmas all, and hope someone can help ol' Lee out here

73's

Dave WB7AWK

Here is what he said:

Got any old radio am handbooks you would be willing to part with? Maybe if you do not have one yourself you might steer me to someone who has one, they would sell me. I am trying to get back into ham radio, was a ham back in the 60'kp4bqp, w4ryb. Had a stroke awhile back so cant do a lot of other things I used to do, but am relearning the code and want to get back on the air. Am a retired electronic eng. back from the tube days. Living on a Gov. pension does not leave much for new fangled toys. Besides I dont know very much about solid state gear.Ha ha !!!

leeboo@ct.net  
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email leeboo@ct.net  
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To: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Cc: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Wanted: 50s-70s era ARRL Handbook  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.961220193821.20090J-1000000@diamond.sierra.net>

Just received the following request; can someone help this OM out?  
He's interested in getting back on the air and wants to build tube  
gear. Please write directly to him - I'm just the messenger...  
Jeff KH2PZ / 7

----- Forwarded message -----  
From: Leon Wiltsey <leeboo@ct.net>

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Date: Fri, 20 Dec 1996 22:52:51 -0500 (EST)  
From: leeboo@ct.net (Leon Wiltsey)  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Re: Book for sale  
Message-ID: <199612210352.WAA06116@blue.ct.net>

>To: jherman@sierra.net  
>From: leeboo@ct.net (Leon Wiltsey)  
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Date: Fri, 20 Dec 1996 22:08:33 -0700  
From: Doug <doug@sunrise.alpinet.net>  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Re: Replacements for funky fuses --- ideas?  
Message-ID: <32BB70D1.3E30@alpinet.net>

Hi Bob and the crew, I think those sound like type AGU fuses and they are still available through some mobile radio dealers. I just bought a bunch a while back...15's and 30 amp as that's what I use here for my 12v power distribution panel. So, that might give you a lead...good luck.

Doug Dunn, K7YD

rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu wrote:

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> 73/ZUT DE NA4G/Bob UP

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Date: Fri, 20 Dec 1996 23:02:11 -0800  
From: mjsilva@ix.netcom.com (michael silva)  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Re: Modular regens

Message-ID: <199612210702.XAA16393@dfw-ix4.ix.netcom.com>

>Hi Folks,  
>Do any of the more experienced regen builders in the group see any  
>fundamental>problems with using a modular approach to constructing  
regens?  
>...I could then plug in any tuner/detector circuit  
>I wanted to play with without having to build the other stuff over and  
over. Any problems with this approach?

John,

This sounds like a very sensible way to go about things. The difficulty might be in getting mechanical and electrical stability, but I can already see in my mind's eye the separate circuit elements you describe mounted on parallel mini-boxes, perhaps with sheet aluminum shielding "walls" in between, all behind a front panel which has the tuning cap(s) and other controls permanently mounted. The more I think about it the more I like it!

73,  
Mike, KK6GM

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Date: Sat, 21 Dec 1996 07:51:22 -0800  
From: mjsilva@ix.netcom.com (michael silva)  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: When I get bigger...  
Message-ID: <199612211551.HAA18848@dfw-ix10.ix.netcom.com>

Hi gang,

My two year old daughter has accepted as a fact of life that many of the things she wants (cars, razors, more dessert...) she can only have "when you get bigger". She was in my office a few days ago and for the first time she noticed a few tube projects I've got sitting on a table, so after I told her those were daddy's radios and daddy's tubes she asked me "I can have my radio tubes when I get bigger?" Gonna have to cultivate that!

Seriously, anybody have success in getting transistor-era kids interested in tubes? Or, any of said transistor-era folks here on the list to tell their stories?

73,  
Mike, KK6GM

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